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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Program "D"
Chairman, Imagery Exploitation Sub-
committee, COMIREX
Chairman, Sanitization and Decontrol
Working Group, COMIREX
TALENT Control Officer, CIA

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SUBJECT : Change in Security Proposal for
Protection of TAGBOARD End Product

REFERENCE : [] Subject: Security Proposal
for Protection of TAGBOARD End Product;
dated 10 November 1969

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1. The referenced memorandum from the TSO/CIA proposed that the end product of TAGBOARD missions be classified TOP SECRET, bear the codeword TAG, carry the handling caveat, NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION, and be protected in the TALENT Control System.

2. DIA requests that the choice of codeword TAG be re-considered. Their rationale for this proposal follows:

"(1) Considering that there may be a significant time period before the next D-21 photographic mission request that assignment of the codeword TAG proposed for use on D-21 drone film be reconsidered.

"(2) Presently used in the inventory of COMIREX-related code words are TANGO, TALENT, TACKLE, TAGBOARD, and []

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NRO review(s)
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[] reference to
TAGBOARD; TANGO, the phonetic for letter
T, is used for TALENT.

"(3) Suggest CHESS be used as the
codeword for photography taken by any air
breathing vehicle over denied areas. TCO's
presently have 'CHESS' stamps and security
classification directions.

"(4) If the codeword CHESS is unacceptable
suggest a four letter word be chosen that is as
different from TAGBOARD as ZARF is from
[] and RUFF is from CORONA []

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"(5) An unnecessary risk is being taken
with the use of TAG. Due to its long period of
development, many people are aware of "TAG-
BOARD" both officially and unofficially. To
utilize a product called TAG will not reinforce
the security attitude that protects the secrecy of
individual [] codewords."

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3. The TSO/CIA has no objection to the proposal to use
the codeword "CHESS" rather than "TAG". If you have no objection
to this proposal would you strike over the word "TAG" in the
referenced memorandum and replace it with "CHESS".

[]
TALENT Security Officer, CIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: RSI

This is not a matter of burning urgency.
One step remains to complete your action on
this -- scenario runs as follows:

1. Original TAGBOARD Security proposal
forwarded by [] for sign-off by you,
[] (A)

2. You signed off 19 November, []
17 November. (B)

3. Then, [] forwarded a DIA revision
to (A) changing classification of product from
TAG to CHESS. [] OK'd this (C) and
sent it for your info before we forward your original
sign-off.

4. [] signed off on 9 December (B)
for both the original text and the change.

So-o-o, all you have to do is note
the change, agree and I'll forward the signature
batch to [] with appropriate note.

FJD
11 December 1969